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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Spurgeon Keeney
re NIE 11-8-64

Around 4:15 returned Spurgeon Keeney's telephone call of a few minutes earlier. He spoke as follows:

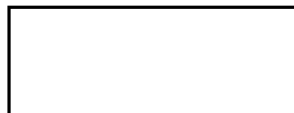
A. Has carefully read the draft 11-8-64. Has found nothing therein which in his mind could be classed as alarming and unforeseen new Soviet departures. The implication came through clearly that previous intelligence findings and speculations had already estimated tentatively most of the new things upon which this paper comes down on with greater firmness. He indicated that he would so inform McGeorge and recommend that the paper be reproduced and distributed according to the pattern of last year. I very specifically noted the formula for the distribution of the All Source version, to wit: "Up to 100 copies outside the Agency." Yes, he said, this is what he meant, but apply the principle of economy. He made no specific comment with respect to a follow-on Top Secret version. (It should be noted that my memo of

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Saturday to McGeorge had no dope on the distribution of 11-8-63. This omission was corrected in my follow-up memo to Mac which went out this noon.) I told Keeney of today's follow-up and if he wishes to inform himself about last year's distribution of the TS version the means will be at hand.

B. As to the pace of printing, he used the word "normal" as in the sentence, "Go ahead and print and distribute it at the normal speed." This obviously precludes any crash procedures and conveyed to me the impression that getting the paper out in the normal week or 10 days was about right.

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